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AMUSEMENTS.

Grand-"Caste."

Robertson's celebrated English comedy "Caste" had a most faithful and sympathetic production at the Grand last night by John Hare and his London company, While to many the rich old comedy is not so pleasing an entertainment as "A Pair of Spectacles," the audience gave itself over to full enjoyment of the excellent performance and was more than grateful for the privilege of seeing Mr. Hare in a role differing so widely from that of Benjamin Goldfinch. In the old "sponge" Eccles there is nothing to admire from a humanity standpoint, but as a stage creation the degenerate and drunken sot is worth some study. The sublime in such an impersonation is a difficult line to draw. It is only a stagger, so to speak, to something that is not only ridiculous, but even nauseating. Hare's impersonation is a stronger argument for the theory of the Keeleyites than many voiced by those who bless the founder ef the gold cure. To suggest a ogical feature in the existence of a psychological feature in the existence of a drunkard was one time sneered at as a pretty fine analysis, but an inspection of John Hare's Eccles discloses the truth of the claim. He draws the character on psychological lines. Eccles becomes a study and an interesting one at that, for he is made the victim of a disease. He sinks deeper and deeper in the moral scale, so that even the novice may diagnose his case and note the progress of the disease step by step. The comedy feature is comedy only because the autience is on the wrong side of the footlights—living in another world. There would be no comedy in Eccles to one living under the same roof with that

pitiful remnant of humanity. That finished actor, Charles Groves, who makes such a living characterization of cles," was not in the east last night, much | order. witnessed his dominating performance on Monday night. Others of Mr. Hare's company had better parts than on the opening night, notably young Gilbert Hare, who took the part of Sam Gerridge, a role creby his father in the early days. Miss May Harvey is also possibly better cast Polly Eccles than as Mrs. Goldfinch. becomes the soubrette role as if she had never touched anything more serious in her life. That very careful and somewhat magnetic actor, Frank Gilmore, would no doubt be pleasing in any leading His voice is beautifully modulated and his stage bearing so easy that he is a continual favorite. Frederick Kerr and Miss Oram were new faces in the company, and both are delightfuly English. With Miss Oram, the Esther Eccles of last night's cast, Mr. Kerr will be seen today in the curtain-raiser, "Six Persons." Mr. Hare's company leaves here to-morrow night for New York, where he opens a two months' engagement under

Charles Frohman's management.

Local Announcements. John Hare's matinee at the Grand to-day presents him and his admirable company in almost the same bill as on Monday night. The curtain-raiser this afternoon will be "Six Persons." This is followed by "A Pair of Spectacles." It is the last performance of this notable engagement.

The last two performances of "The Great Train Robbery" will be given this afternoon and evening at the Park. The theater was running over with people again at both performances yesterday, and this condition appears likely to continue all week, for "The Cotton Spinner." which succeeds "The Great Train Robbery" to-morrow, is

"Oriental America" will close at the Empire to-night. Commencing to-morrow matin tights, the first company of its kind ever organized. The soubrette is said to weigh 100 pounds. The curtain will rise on a funny satire entitled "Hypnotizing a

Lewis Morrison has come to be the ac on forever, gathering strength with each succeeding season. The production of this play as given by Mr. Morrison is a notable one, from the fact that it is one of the few plays put upon the stage with every minor detail of staging carefully attended to. day school at Haughville in which they "Faust" comes to the Grand to-morrow are interested, last evening at their home, night for the rest of the week, including matinees Friday (New Year's) and Satur-

After an absence of two seasons the work pronounce her at her best. Always catering to a refined, educated and cultured

with two plays that have a decided charm for play-goers. "Nell Gwynne." a historical and romantic comedy, written especially for Rhea by Mr. Paul Kester, is a story of the rise and fall of the famous English orange girl, who won, and held captive in love, King Charles II, and who became the reigning actress in Britain two centuries ago. This play will be given at the night performances, while "Josephine, Empress of the French," will be played at the two

May Sue Nordica for Damages. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.-Tacoma and

other Northwestern cities are very much provoked over Mme. Nordica's cancellation of her engagements in the West, which is just announced, and damage suits may result. Tacoma's festival chorus has been drilling for months for the rendition of "The Messiah." with Mme. Nordica as soloist, the rendition being set for Jan. 4. Professor Cozine, who engaged Nordica on a \$1,250 guaranty, learned Saturday that she did not keep her engagement at Salt Lake, where she was to sing in the Mormon Tabernacle Christmas night. Her engagements at Seattle and Portland are also canceled, and it is supposed here that the Denver engagement has been canceled. The sale of seats in all these cities aggregates about

The Court Wants a Benefit.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.-Eugene Tompkins, proprietor of the Boston Theater, Colonel Mapleson, late impressario of the Imperial Opera Company, and all who took part in the Mapleson benefit at the theater Sunday night, have been summoned into the municipal court to answer a charge of violating the Sunday concert law. An interesting phase of the case is the fact that number of the audience have also been included in the charge. Judge Burke refused to grant a warrant on the strength of the evidence presented to him. The officers, therefore, are now looking for expert testimony. The Sabbath Protective League will give all the aid possible to the police.

Notes of the Stage.

Mr. Sol Smith Russell's new play, "A Bachelor's Romance," is said to be the best he has ever had, and he is doing the great-

It is just eighteen years ago to-day since Henry Irving, Dec. 30, 1878, opened the Lyceum Theater under his own management, "Hamlet" being the bill.

Harry Gilfoil, the famous "whistling waiter." who made a pronounced hit with Keith audiences during the past summer, goes back to the popular vaudeville house.

Friday is the fifty-ninth anniversary the birth of Tomasso Salvini, which occurred Jan. 1. 1839, on his own confession. On that same day of the year nine years previous was born Lester Wallack. Mr. and Mrs. Creston Clarke have re-

turned from England, where they have been visiting Mr. Clarke's father, the famous John Sleeper Clarke. The young actor has completed a new romantic drama.

Miss Fannie Bulkeley, who is playing the role of Honorine Girardin, the godmother, in "Lost, Strayed or Stolen," at the Boston Park Theater, denies the report sent out from New York that she is engaged to be married to Joseph Holland, of the celebrated Holland brothers.

Mr. Charles Hawtrey has purchased of Madeleine Lucette Ryley, author of "Christorher, Jr.," a three-act piece entitled "The Mystery of Mr. Bugle," which he expects to put on at the Comedy Theater. London, when "The White Elephant" con-

No play, either comedy, farce or tragedy, presented in Chicago, ever received more commendation than John J. McNally's new play, "Courted Into Court," which May Irwin presented there last week. Without an exception, the Chicago critics indorse the new play and pronounce it better than "The Widow Jones," also a McNally

The oldest actor in the world is Henry Doel. He will be ninety-three on his next birthday, and was an actor for sixty-five years. As a child he was rowed out to Plymouth sound, and saw Napoleon walkng the quarterdeck of the Billy Ruffin. The veteran actor now keeps a tavern in Plymouth, England.

It is again rumored that Duse is going to Paris, and everywhere on the continent rumors are rife of the clique there will be against her. Even the newspapers warn her, and especially do they warn her not to open, as it is said she intends to do, in "Fedora." Anything would be safer than such a gauntlet to Sarah, in a part in which the Italian is very far from her best.

The English translation of the new Ibsen play. "John Gabriel Borkman," will ready early in January. The Norwegian copyright edition is already printed, and a Norwegian performance for copyright purnoses takes place this week. Mr. William Archer is hard at work on the revisions of his translation, which Heinemann, of Loncontrols, as usual. The cast of the play is very short, containing but eight characters, but the drama itself is the longest that Ibsen has written.

Another of the Wallacks is to go on the stage. Last week it was announced that Florence Wallack Sewall, the granddaughter of the famous actor, would make her debut in Margaret Mather's production of "Cymbeline." Now Miss Mather announces that Miss Sewall's cousin, Lester Wallack, a grandson of the original Lester, and a son of Charles Wallack, will also make his debut in "Cymbeline" in a small part. Mr. Wallack has not reached his majority, and the part of Uncle Gregory in "The Specta- has shown dramatic talent of uncommon

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss Amy Tory has returned from an Eastern trip and is at the Denison Professor Knefler, of Louisville, is visiting General and Mrs. Frederick Kneffer. Mrs. John Oxenford and Mrs. Dudbridge will not observe their reception day this

Mr. Clifford Arrick is spending a short

Mrs. W. H. Coleman will give a dinner this evening in honor of Mrs. E. C. Atkins's guests. Miss Nold, of Louisville, is spending a few days with Miss Elma Woollen, on North Illinois street.

Miss Grace Irvine, of Paris, France, here to spend the winter with Mrs. H. H. Sprague, on Lockerbie street. The Misses Schellschmidt will entertain the club to which they belong this evening at their home, on East Ohio street. Miss Florence Lieibert entertained twenty-four friends last evening at progessive cinch in honor of Miss Bertha Duen-

ing, of Terre Haute.

Mrs. Charles S. Millard will give a din-ner this evening in honor of Miss Grace Wasson and Mr. Arthur Hoffman Van Brunt, of New York. Mrs. Theodore Varney will observe her

second reception this afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Varney this evening at their home, No 349 College avenue. The Clytus Club gave its holiday dance last evening at Brenneke's Academy. There was a large attendance, a number of outof-town visitors being present. The Misses Burke gave a delightful party

friends at cards, later at supper and with a theater party in the evening. The engagement is announced of Miss Ella Moore and Mr. David Cunningham. of New York city. The marriage will occur early in the spring. Miss Harriet Shepard was hostess for a pretty luncheon yesterday which she gave

in honor of Miss Emma Hall and her bridal party, at her home, on North Alabama Stoughton Fletcher, of this city, who attends Princeton College and is singing with the Princeton Glee Club during the holiday tour, is expected home Saturday to spend

a short vacation. Mrs. J. Hugh Daugherty will receive informally New Year's afternoon, from 3 to 6, at her home, No. 70 West Thirteenth (old Fourth), for her guest, Miss Caroline Wilson, of Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ketcham entertained the teachers and their families of the Sunon North Delaware street.

Mrs. Henry Hallam Hornbrook will give her first reception since her marriage this afternoon at her home, No. 381 North Capttol avenue. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Hornbrook will receive. Wednesday will be their reception day during the season. Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Mackenzie will observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Monday evening by having an informal reception. No invitations are issued for the occasion. The hours will be from and all who have seen her in this style of | 8 to 11, at their residence. No. 74 East Walnut street. The second section of the Free Kinder-

Brenneke's a young people's dance this evening for the benefit of the kindergarten. A large number of well-known ladies are in-

Miss Bessie Marie Parry and Miss Elsa B. Wocher, assisted by the Misses Friede Walk, Cora Parry, Cora Griffith, Frances Pangborn, Adelaide Goetz, Clara Scholz, Estelle McCune, Fanny Martin, Marie Mummonhoff, will receive New afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at 707 North

Miss Cora Parry entertained about forty riends last evening in honor of her guest, friend. For amusement Miss Parry had two of the popular "guessing games." Pretty gifts were awarded. Among the guests was Miss Duck, of Kentucky, and Miss Morris, of Chicago. The members of the Lyra Casino Club

have their annual reception and dance New Year's eve at their clubhouse, 122 North Meridian street. There will be no bowling this week, as the bowling alleys are being prepared for the dance. Bunting, holly and electric lights will be used in the decora-tions, which will be more elaborate this Miss Olive Hawkins, assisted by sixteen young friends, gave a Mother Goose, musi-

cal and literary entertainment last evening at the home of Mrs. Hawkins, on North Pennsylvania street, for the benefit of the Boys' Club. The programme and entertain-ment was arranged entirely by the young girls and was very much enjoyed by a good-sized audience. Miss Jessie and Miss Myra Daggett gave a small and informal company yesterday afternoon for their sister, Mrs. Karsten, of Bloomington, who is now visiting her parents and old friends here. Their home on

In the evening a card party was given for their brother, Mr. Robert Forest Daggett, whose home is in New York city. Both companies were limited in number. The Smith College girls were entertained yesterday with a buffet luncheon by the Misses Spann, on North Delaware street. The table was decorated in the holiday colors of red and green, holly and scarlet flowers being used. The name cards were tied with the colors of the several classes to which the girls belonged. The guests included Miss Maria Woollen, Miss Julia Harrison Moore, Miss Melle Colgan, Mrs. Walter Millikan, Miss Caroline Marmon,

West Vermont street was very prettily dec-

orated with Christmas green and flowers.

The Misses Schellschmidt gave a German coffee yesterday afternoon after the German custom. For the coffee, the sweets were served first and the wine and sandwiches last. There were toasts in German, French and English, the guests being linguists, and later a Christmas tree was While the hostesses are decidedly musical that part of the entertainment was furnished by a music box. The company included Mrs. T. A. Wagner, Mrs. L. F. Page, Mrs. Milton Morris, Mrs. J. T. Eaglessield, Mrs. T. H. Smith, Miss T. L. Voss

Miss Annie Fraser, Miss Louise Fletcher

and Miss Harriet Jacobs.

and Miss Emily Fletcher. Miss Katherine Layman entertained the Layman cousins and a few other friends informally yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Elizabeth Layman, of Irvington, who heart-shaped cards, with tiny red hearts bearing the name of an author, and a cupid in the center and tied with pink ribbon, were pinned to the guests' backs, and from questions asked by the others the name of the author had to be guessed. All of the appointments and refreshments were heartshaped. Among the guests were Miss Barr, of St. Louis, and Miss Donner, of Colum-

Mrs. Nathaniel Alden Hyde gave a handsome reception yesterday afternoon to in troduce her niece, Miss Julia Bullard Fletcher, to her friends. The spacious rooms were decorated with holiday garlands and wreaths, with vases of flowers, many of them sent to Miss Fletcher. Mrs. Hyde was assisted in entertaining by her daughter. Miss Josephine Hyde, Mrs. Allen M. Fletcher, Mrs. W. C. Hauelsen, Griffith, Miss Louise Fletcher and by Hilda Fletcher and Master Allen Fletcher, jr. In the evening Rev. and Mrs. Hyde received from 7 to 10 o'clock and a large number of young people were among the guests. Miss Fletcher will be given a dance Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. William

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Kirshbaum gave a polterabend dinner last evening at their on North Meridian honor of their daughter, Miss May Kirshbaum, whose marriage to Mr. Moses Fisher will take place this evening at the Denison. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Kirshbaum, Mrs. Sidney Aloe, Mrs. Morris May. Miss Seiina Kirshbaum, Mrs. A. Kirshbaum, Mrs. Emil Selig of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. David May of Denver, Pauline M. Sachs of Cincinnati, and Edwin Fisher of Fort Wayne. table decoration was American Beauty roses. After the dinner there was music and dancing in the ballroom, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The German Literary Club held its holiday meeting yesterday with Mrs. Frederick Rusch, on North Capitol avenue. The features of the entertainment were the reading of a paper on "Christmas Times in Germany," by Mrs. H. O. Pantzer; a second paper on "Christmas Times in Amerby Miss Harriet Jacobs, with musical numbers by Mrs. Pantzer, Mrs. Eaglesfield and Mrs. Vonnegut, the composers being Chopin, Schubert and Mozart, A Christmas tree which stood in the center of the long parlor was lighted and on the tree amid the tinsel and colored balls were dainty German Christmas cards bearing sentiments in German. The Indianapolis German Literary Club makes Christmas a red letter day in its calendar of meetings, and is one of the few clubs having a meeting holi-

KIMBROUGH-WILES. The marriage of Miss Lottie Emily Wiles youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hough Wiles, and Mr. Hal Curry Kimbrough, of Muncie, took place last evening at 9 o'clock at the family residence on Broadway. The large connecting parlors were filled with friends as the bridal party entered. They passed to the front parlor, with the groom and his best man, Mr. Robert E. Mansfield, awaited them. The bride maid of honor, Miss Inez Koerner, of Munand was preceded by the groomsmen. Mr. Frederick B. Wiles, brother of the bride, and Mr. Frank H. Kimbrough, a brother of the groom, and the little ring bearer. Mildred Marsh. The impressive ceremony of the Episcopal Church was read. The harpist played Mendelssohn's wedding march and selections by the same composer handsome gown of white duchesse satin. | walk to the church. As it turned out, mother, worn at her wedding. The bouquet of white hyacinths and ferns completed a was of white mousselaine de sole over white corsage. Her flowers were pink roses. Miss gandie over green silk and carried pink roses. The ring bearer wore a dainty white silk with pink trimmings and carried flowtended a supper was served. The bride's table was artistically arranged with white roses and smilax and lighted by candles set in silver candelabra. Pink and green prein the decorations of the other rooms. Mrs. Wiles was assisted in entertaining by Professor and Mrs. William A. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. John F. Johnston, Mrs. Mary F. Sproule and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sisson. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough left last night for New York and other Eastern cities. They will be at home Thursdays after Jan. at No. 615 East Washington street, Muncie. Ind. Among the guests from out of town at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimbrough, parents of the groom, and sons Frank and Lloyd, Mrs. Mary Curry, granddaughter of the groom, Mr. and John R. Marsh, Mr. R. J. Beatty, Mr. Monday afternoon, entertaining fourteen and Mrs. John W. Ryan, Messrs. Walter and Thomas L. Ryan, Mrs. George Koerner. all of Muncie: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winton Streeter, of Greenfield; Mr. R. I. Curry, of Connersville; Mr. J. S. Kimbrough, of Wilmington, O., and Mr. N. P. Curry, of Wa-

One of the prettiest dances of the season was given at the Proyplacum last evening their daughter, Miss Katherine Virginia pleated sash and a great arm bouquet of American Beauty roses completed the costume. Miss Warde were a Paris gown of pink satin, veiled in painted pink organdie, and Miss Brown a beautiful yellow satin. with white chiffon. They also carried Beauty roses. Miss Walcott received many flowers from friends all day yesterday, Mrs. Walcott was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben-

The decoration of the hall was as unique and effective as anything ever attempted. The Christmas colors, red and green, pre-vailed. From the iron girders above were suspended festoons of red-shaded electric lights. The high mantel was deep fringed with strands of laurel, and at the end of each strand was a red Christmas ball Hanging in deep festoons from the picture rail were ropes of laurel, and at intervals on the wall were great holly wreaths. thick with berries suspended by laurel. In the center of the platform was a broad arch of green, bordered with the red electric lights, and across the front of the platform was an arbor of green. There were

numerous cozy places for tete-a-tetes on

the stage and in the gallery. An orchestra

furnished music for the long programme

of dances. The supper was served in the

east parlor, which was adorned with Southern smilax and ferns. There were many young married and unmarried guests and visitors from out of town. Among the latter were: Miss Mc-Lean and Miss McDermott, of Cincinnati; Lean and Miss McDermott, of Cincinnati; Miss Bertha Marsh and Miss Edmonston, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gladding, of Memphis; Mr. Roy Hedges, of Boston; Mr. Warren, of St. Louis; Mr. Earl Morgan, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Mr. Her-bert Taylor, of Milwaukee; Mr. Proudfit, of Colorado Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale, of Louisville; Mr. F. F. Powers, of New York: Mrs. George Wood, of Denver: Mr. Howard Smith and Mr. Luther Connah Brown, of New York; Miss Gerker and Miss Brown, of Philadelphia, and Miss Clara Zollars, of Fort Wayne.

MISS BONAPARTE WEDS A COUNT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. - Miss Louise Eugenie Bonaparte, only daughter of the late Colonel Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, and Count De Moltke-Huitfeldt, of Denat St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Gibbons officiated. Only one hundred invitations were issued. The marriage ceremony was followed by the celebration of a a nuptial mass by Rev. Father Foley, and later Mrs. Bonaparte, mother of the bride, entertained the bridal party, relatives and a couple of invited friends at breakfast. Count and Countess De Moltke-Huitfeldt left this afternoon for a honeymoon jaunt, and will return by Jan. 6. They will sail for Europe Jan. 16, and will spend the winter at Paris, where the mother and immediate family of Count De Moltke-Huitfeldt reside at present. The bride is the great-granddaughter of Madam Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte, daughter of William Patterson, of Baltimore, who, on Christmas eve, 1803, became the wife of Jerome Bona-parte, the youngest of the brothers of Na-poleon, first consul of France.

THREE PLAYERS TRADED. Roat, Buckley and Hogan Go to the Grand Rapids Club.

A trade has been made by the Indianapolis and Grand Rapids Baseball Club which Manager Watkins, of the local team, believes will materially strengthen the Indianapolis club. Indianapolis will get Leon Wolters, Grand Rapids's best pitcher, William Hassamer, an all-around player, and Lou Camp. Wolters pitched more games for Grand Rapids last season than any other of that club's pitchers, and made a handsome showing. He is believed to be a Glenalvin, manager of Grand Rapids, was induced to let go of him on account of a great admiration for Fred Roat. Glenalvin admired Roat's work, and when Manager Watkins offered to made a trade with him he was willing to sacrifice almost anything to get him. As the result of the trade, dianapolis will lose Roat, Buckley and Hogan. Hassamer is a great coacher, and known to the talent as "Roaring Bill Camp is a good infielder, and plays equally as well in the outfield. He played for Watkins at Sioux City when that club won the pennant. He was a favorite with the The exchange, it is believed,

ATTACKS OF "NERVES" AT ALTAR Stories of Bridegrooms Who Failed to Meet Their Marriage Contracts.

will prove valuable to Indianapolis.

The Happy Thought. Possibly every man about to marry experiences a novel inward flutter when the critical hour arrives and brings the altar into sight, but it is not often that one hears of a prospective husband whose nerve deserts him to the extent that he fights shy of the ceremony at the last moment, and allows the bride to leave the church without having changed her name. Hitches of this startling kind do, however, now and then occur. Th bridegroom has not the courage to face the public ordeal, and the situation becomes both humorous and dra-

this order was witnessed by a large crowd at a country church not long since. The bridegroom was late in arriving; when at ength he came abreast of the church gates, heated and flurried, the sight of his white robed life-partner in the midst of an imposing party fairly scattered what courage he had churned for the occasion. turned and made off across country as fast as his shaking legs would carry him. The crowd and a number of his indignant friends pursuing him, he took refuge up a tree, and no remonstrances would induce him to descend and go through with the ceremony. He paid rather dearly for his cowardice, however, for the bride promptly iilted him, and walked to the same church with a bolder man a few months later. At another church in the neighborhood number of people who had flocked to see a popular local couple made one, were curiously disappointed. When it came to ance to his vows, he was found to be tongue-tied by sheer nervousness. The longer they waited for him to recover, the worse he became, and finally, white as a ghost, he wheeled about and ran out of the building. As no amount of jeers or encouragement served to induce him to attempt the ordeal a second time, he perforce remained in single misery.

Plenty of humorous instances have been brave enough in his wooing, has found himself unable to stand and be publicly married. One gentleman became so unnerved at sight of the swelling assembly and the preparations that he slipped into the vestry and locked himself in until the registrar lost patience, and the ceremony

had to be abandoned. In another case a missing bridegroom was discovered locked in his bedroom at home, and sheer force had to be used by during the ceremony. The bride wore a his friends before he could be induced veil which she wore were those of her in declining to fulfill her part of the contract with so diffident a partner. But perhaps as unique an example of beautiful costume. Miss Armstrong's gown | what may be termed "altar fright" as any known was one which caused quite a sensilk, with full skirt and round, low neck | sation in a midland town some years ago. The circumstances were peculiar enough to Koerner wore a pretty gown of white or- | bear repetition. A young man, standing at joys and sorrows, suddenly fainted when asked to declare his willingness to take a ers. After congratulations had been ex- wife, and had to be carried home in a cab. A few weeks later he essayed to enter the lists of matrimony with more success; but, reached such a pitch that he swooned at precisely the same part of the proceedings. When, on a third occasion, the same weakness overcame him as soon as he entered the church, it became evident that his physical courage was not equal to the ordeal. Whether the bride declined to look foolish for a fourth time, or whether the ceremony was subsequently performed in private, did not transpire. Brides, it is interesting to note, do not appear to suffer from any such backwardness. Their nervousness seems to be of a

mere dread of publicity.

different order, and it is seldom or never

that one hears of a case where the lady

has failed to come up to the "line" through

The Danger of Early Rising. Yet another venerable superstition has sible "scientist." Until now people have been content to accept, but not to act upon, the theory that early rising-in conjuncion, of course, with correspondingly early habit of going to bed-is conducive not only to wealth and wisdom, but also to health. another primitive belief, it has been ruthlessly shattered by the scientific iconoclasts, one of whom now claims to have discovered that people who get up early go mad much more readily than others. support of his theory he points to the undoubted prevalence of insanity among those engaged in agricultural pursuits. Though is sad to see a time-honored doctrine thus exploded, one is disposed to favor the new opinion at the expense of the old. any case, there can be no harm in being on the safe side, and, after all, it is so easy

Locomotive Engineers' Ball.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, division No. 492, gave its first annual reception and ball at Tomlinson Hall last There was a large attendance and the affair was a success from a social and financial point of view. The ladies' auxiliary served refreshments.

jamin D. Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mc-Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Wallace, Mr. Frank Griffith, Mr. Harmon Bradshaw, Mr. ning Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, Dec To change business must sell at auction stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, beginaudience, Mile. Rhead comes here equipped | garten will give a children's dance this | Samuel Van Camp and Mr. Garrard Comly. | 29, 69 South Illinois street.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE

DEC. 29 THE VETERAN STATESMAN'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Labors in England's Service 64 Years Ago as Member of Parliament.

Eighty-seven years ago, on Dec. 29, 1809, William Ewart Gladstone was born, and sixty-four years ago this month he was elected to Parliament and entered upon the career of statesmanship which has made his name illustrious and one of the glories of England. It is, perhaps, impossible for the people of one nation to understand the genius and merits of even a great leader who is the outgrowth of the civic institutions and the climatic condition of another. Yet Mr. Gladstone is one of America's idols. He fills out the ideal of a pure, capable, scholarly, successful statesman. Even now, after some years of retirement, his power is great, as was shown recently during the agitation in England over the Armenian trouble. The Salisbury governmark, were married at 11:30 o'clock to-day ment was deeply stirred by his declaration that England should fight the "assassin in the East." Mr. Gladstone's control and influence, however, always had their distinct limitations, and he never held the hearts of the whole English people in allegiance to his leadership, as Beaconsfield, the Tory, or John Bright, the Radical, did. But, on the other hand, his Irish policy was one of the boldest in the history of his coun-

Many years have rolled over men and in-

tered public life, and many reforms have

been accomplished. When the reform act of 1832 was passed England was governed by an oligarchy. The ancient institutions which were founded on the representative principle were perverted into personal property. A town which sent members to Parliament dwindled away through circumstances which scattered its population, and the man who steed by the last building marked by atrocities of which the civilized in it found himself patron of a couple of seats in Parliament. Thus it was that many villages in Cornwall were endowed with the right of electing a brace of members each, and the proprietor could often boast that he held three such properties and sent half a dozen members to Parliament. This was the case with Sir Masseh Loper, who, having made a fortune as a diamond merchant, bought boroughs, obtained a baronnetcy and "founded a family. While these boroughs, termed "rotten." represented no public principle, were flourishing, towns like Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester were not presented. Householders were not known to the Constitution, as it was then interpreted. Now to dwell in a "house" confers a vote, even though it be only a pig's house, in the opinion of the aristocracy. At that time trade was restricted and bread was taxed. No meat could be imported from a foreign country. Monopoly and privilege had the best of everything. There was no education of the poor except such as was given by charitable persons, and most of them attached a religious creed to the gift. The East India Company had a monopoly of the tea trade and sugar was taxed. Eight shillings-over \$1.50-a pound for tea was the common price, about 15 cents a pound for brown sugar and 20 cents for loaf sugar. Coal was so high that the poor could not buy it. The laborer was confined to his parish by the operation of the poor law, and the artisan was hindered from seeking work at a distance by the great expense of traveling. There was no railroad to carry the workman about quicker than the Queen's grandfather ever traveled and

at a penny a mile for his journey. A GREAT WORKER. Mr. Gladstone, as has often been said has the working capacity of a score of ordinary men. Even at the age of eightyseven few men can approach him in this respect. When at the head of the Ministry he was a human miracle in the duties which he performed, the engagements he met, the literary leisure he turned to account, the hours he sat at his tasks, the projects he formulated and the recreation he allowed himself. He always worked, and does now, with wonderful rapidity. He goes to church, reads the Scriptural lessons, walks on Sunday through his parks

Like all well-to-do countrymen, Mr. Gladstone is a good liver. He not only works hard, but he eats like a man who has earned a good dinner, and he sleeps as does the man with a good conscience. His country house is at Hawarden Castle, near old Chester. He was, in the English sense, born a gentleman. His father-Sir John Gladstone, Bart.-was a well known and stone was educated at Eaton and at Christ Church, Oxford. His academic training was not only educational in text-books, but was pre-eminently up in aristocratic associations and conventionalities. He was born to the highest and trained to the highest English society.

Mr. Gladstone is also a practical economist. He has inherited money, he has earned money, and he has saved money. His habits of economic expenditure have occasioned no end of small talk and afternoon-tea gossip. It is commonly believed that he has the fault of parsimony, but those who know him intimately in his home bear testimony to the high respect in which he is held by his family and by his neighbors. affections or in his social intercourse. His demeanor is rather cold than otherwise, ered conceited and imperious. When his conscience forgets itself he is a little of both. He drinks moderately and does not use tobacco. In fact, he is exemplary, no matter from which point of view one looks

While in power he took care of his sons He put one into a good church living and two others in Parliament, not on their merits, but upon his illustrious name. He took The point lace garniture and the wedding was too late; the bride felt herself justified | care of his admirers and supporters also, and saw that they and their sons got good places in the government where they can serve their country for their country's good. For a prime minister to do this is

MAKING A CABINET. The prime minister, as a rule, makes his

inet positions, and they together talk over other names. When a man is decided upon he usually joins the conclave and assists in the momentous consultation about men and places. In that way the Cabinet is gradu- there are others, of course-such as the ally evolved, sometimes in a single day No doubt, the prime minister's choice not always free. Certain men must hold the great offices of state, no matter what happens, but the premier influences to a great extent the preferences of his colleagues, and as he himself asks men to serve, those who accept feel that he is their superior. With him they are, and with him | tween it and other skeletons. In fact, the they will go when the opposition triumphs. as it usually does sooner or later. The theory of the unwritten constitution is that the Cabinet, when formed, governs, In reality it seldom does anything of the kind. The prime minister largely controls met its doom at the hands of the irrepres- | the Cabinet meetings. Next, if a vacancy occurs he fills it, and so can promote men from the lower to the higher offices. There is no power to say him nay. Then he can and does confer with his colleagues and than to the lemurs, and yet are not exactly party leaders in Parliament in regard to the business of the government, and in that | teeth differentiates the creature still furway has a strong hold upon the machine of ther from both families and from the apeas much in so many words. But, like many | state. Sir Robert Peel saw every member of his Cabinet separately every day. Again, if there is a difference between two members of the official family he becomes the arbiter in the controversy. If there is an irreconcilable difference between him and a minister, it is the minister and not the premier who resigns. Lastly, the Prime minister can, by resigning himself, dissolve the Cabinet. Thus he makes and can unmake the Ministry. Hence the voices In of those who want to keep in office are always found on the side of the premier, and he can get most of the minor places for his the discovery will stimulate other naturalfriends and his friends' friends, if he wants

> Presbyterians, and Presbyterianism filled a arge place in the religious life of Liverpool. Among the founders of Oldham-street Presbyterian Church in that city, says Mr. Wilcox, were Members of Parliament John Gladstone and William Ewart. Both of these men gave distinguished statesmanship. One of them, William Ewart, was the pioneer of free-library legislation; the other is the illustrious William Ewart Gladstone. It does not seem, however, that Presbyterianism dominated however, that Presbyterianism dominated beings whose remains have been exhumed the Gladstones. Oldham-street Church had from the Neanderthal gorge, the Mentone

not long been opened at the beginning of this century, when Sir John Gladstone seceded. There is a tradition that the chosen pastor was not acceptable to the Gladstone family and that Mrs. Gladstone persuaded her husband to leave for a church more suited to their taste. Be that as it may, the fact known from records is that they left Presbyterianism and Oldham street and built the Episcopal Church which now stands in Renshaw street. Liverpool, carrying with them, of course, their young son, the future orator and statesman. This incident probably changed the whole current of the boy's life, and i would be curious speculation to imagine how different might have been his course had not his mother quarreled with the Presbyterian pastor and gone into bosom of the Church of England.

THE STRIFES OF 1896.

Enough Small Ones to Lay the Foundations for Larger Wars.

Review of Reviews.

No sword has been drawn by one great civilized state against another through the whole of 1896, but the gates of the Hats and Bonnets that were marked Temple of Janus have by no means been in early season at \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$23 shut. The map which serves as our frontispeice shows in how many places the year has brought not peace, but war.
By far the most blood-stained portion of the world's surface, so far as 1896 is concerned, is the Ottoman empire. There has been actual fighting in Crete, while the tale of massacres of Armenians in all parts of the empire is still far from "The Shadow of God" in Constantinople is haunted by a perpetual fear, and he imagines, like most men in panic, that he can best secure his own safety by striking terror. Abdul Hamid embodies in his reign and in the massacres by which its closing days are being marked a great object lesson as to the real nature of Turkish rule. Without some such demonstration it would have been impossible for us to conceive the popular enthusiasm which lauunched medieval Europe on the series of enterprises that we call Crusades. There are many persons to-day who would be very glad to see a new crusade preached for the extermina-tion of the "infidel," not because he is an infidel, but because he has established as sassination as an instrument of government, and replied by massacre to the pro-tests of the conscience of Europe and stitutions since Dec. 13, 1832, when Mr. Gladstone, at the age of twenty-three, en-

Casting a rapid glance over the world. it is curious to note how much of the fighting has gone on in the islands. The wind the continents there has been little war; but man has faced man in deadly wrath but man has faced man in deadly wrath the wind but man has faced man in deadly wrath and in the wind wrath the wind wrat marked by atrocities of which the civilized world hears but little from Cuba, but nothing much from the Philippines. In Madagascar a French expedition to Antanarivo has placed the French in nominal possession of the island. It is only nominal, for outside the capital the French appear to be obeyed only so far as their guns will carry, and until such time as their guns are re-

more serious fighting. Italy suffered great defeat in Abyssinia, which, however, has led to the abandonment of the ambitious scheme of establishing an Ethiopian thraea. The defeat in Africa shook down the Crispi ministry, and crippled Italy in the estimation of Europe. It was also the means of launching the long-expected expedition for the recovery of the Soudan. The Anglo-Egyptian force under the Sirdar. Sir Herbert Kitchener, achieved an almost bloodless success when it marched southward along the Nile valley, and cleared the soldiers of the Mahdi out of the fertile provinces of Dongola. It is understood that this year when the Nile is high Don gola will be used as a basis for the recon quest of Khartoum. But for the unfortunate issue of Jameson's raid, Cecil Rhodes would probably have realized his ideal o joining the Cape to Cairo before the end of the century. Matabeleland has risen in revolt, and has been reconquered. The Transvaal has been the scene of fighting which could hardly be dignified by the title of has been broken by an English expedition which has opened up one of the dark places of the world, full of frightful cruelty, to the milder influences of commerce and civilization. As the year closed, Sir George Taubman Goldie was departing from the Niger in order to strike a blow at one of the slave-trading tribes which still live and thrive under the nominal protectorate of

the Niger Company. A NEW FAMILY OF MONKEYS. Found in Madagascar.

Whether one regards the various members of the monkey tribe as distant relatives of the human race or merely as grotesque creatures, distinct and remote from man in ancestry like the birds or fishes, any well-authenticated discovery of a new and grounds, several miles at a stretch family must be regarded as an interesting scientific event. In a recent number of the Geological Magazine Dr. C. J. Forsyth Major describes some fossil remains, which he says he found on the Island of Madagascar. and which must afford a double surprise to zoologists-first, because the specimen belongs to a type not hitherto recognized anywhere on the globe, and, second, because never until now has there been evidence that a true monkey had at any time existed in Madagascar, although the fauna there includes what are known as "half-

The unscientific reader will more readily

get at the significance, be it great or small

which this incident possesses, if he will

first recall the general gradations observed

monkeys," or lemurs.

in that strange order of animals which has been suspected of having had a common parentage with man. The lemurs, which stand at the bottom of the scale, are no very far removed in size and general appearance from the "rodents," or beavers rabbits, squirrels, rats and mice. One o the great differences between them relates to the shape and number of their teeth. The front teeth of the rodents are especially designed for gnawing; those of the lemurs are the lemurs have. The rodents have only from twelve to twenty-eight teeth, while the lemurs, or "half monkeys," possess thirty-six. Up at the other end of the procession, next behind man, come the apes. who have round, short faces and large bodies, show a disposition to rise upon their hind legs to fight and walk, have no tails and in other respects closely approach in prehistoric people who left rude hunting and domestic implements in various caves in Europe. Of the four well-defined genera of apes, the gerilla, chimpanzee, orangoutang and gibbon, the first mentioned presents the closest resemblance to the human type. Between the ape and the lemur one finds the baboon, with his long dog face. heavy ridges over the eyes and cheek pouches. Other African and Asiatic monkeys, closely resembling him, but lacking some one of these traits, and perhaps having a much better developed thumb, and two general families of American monkeys, of which one is the bushy-tailed squirrel-like little marmoset, and the oth er has a flat nose, a small ear and thirtysix teeth, besides the prehensile tail that is characteristic of most monkeys. It will be noticed that the last-mentioned family has the same number of teeth as the lemurs, although more highly organized i other respects. All monkeys and apes, lik man, have thirty-two teeth. Besides th distinguishing remarks already referred to extent to which class have become converted into toe nails, the shape of the brain and the angle which the face forms with the under side of the lower jaw. Inasmuch as the specimen which Dr Major has found is a fossil, and is imperfect at that, no comparison which would relate to perishable tissues can be made bechief point of study appears to have been the teeth. In number these correspond exactly to the dental outfits of both the Malagasy lemurs and the true monkey of South America (Cebidae.) But when their shape and function are considered some puzzling dissimilarities are detected. The molars are monkeylike; the premolars (three in number, on each side of the jaw) ally the animal more closely to the Cebidae like those of either. The absence of eye The front teeth also reveal a distinct lack of resemblance to those of the lemur. Dr Major and other zoologists are disposed to recognize the new-found type as a distant family from the Cebidae and the Cernopithicidae, or Etheopian monkeys, but perhaps intermediate between them. Professor Lydeckker, in Nature, expresses the belief that the Nesopithecus (as Dr. Major calls the fossil) is not a direct ancestor of modern apes and monkeys, but an offshoot from the original stock which once connected the monkeys and lemurs. No doubt ists and geologists to explore further, and it may not be long before new light is obtained on the subject, either on the island of Madagascar or the continent of Africa. In this connection it may be remarked that the fossil skeletons which Eugene Dubois found in Java three or four years ago seemed to belong to a race resembling. but superior to, the apes, and yet inferior to civilized man. He called the species "Pithecanthropus erectus," or erect-walking, man-like apes. But some American experts were disposed to consider it rather as an ape-like man, closely related to the

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places in Europe during the last years. The Dubois discovery has been fully authenticated. This, however, is not true of the ported discovery of a living race of men with tails in the Indo-Chinese peninsula A sensational story to this effect, told by Paul d'Enjoy and published a 'ew weeks ago in France, is received with a good deal of scepticism by English anthropologists. The Frenchman describes this race, the Mois, as capable of talking, of using bows and poisoned arrows and c building rude huts, yet climbing trees as monkeys do, having long tails and exhibiting spur-like projections from their ankles,

But "Nature" pokes fun at it, and hopes

that "it will not be long before these tailed

men are carefully described by a trained

scientific observer." The narrative has sev-

most doubt will be provoked by the fact

that in the scale of ascent through the

monkey tribe the tail is lost long before

eral incredible features, but perhaps

the higher apes are reached, to say nothing of the genus homo.

Stand Up for Kansas. Emporia (Kan.) Gazette. The Populists are raising a great to do because sane men see harm for Kansas in the election of a Populist State ticket. The Populists say the newspapers are slandering Kansas. Four years ago Mr. Senator Peffer, Populist, of Kansas, stood up in the United States Senate and said: "If Kansas were put on the auction block and sold at sheriff sale it would not bring enough to

That was standing up for Kansas, wasn't That was a sweet name to give up in Congress and said: "The men in my district are selling their honor, the wome their virtue, and children are begging for

How was that for standing up for Kansas? Did any Republican editor ever blast the State like that? When ex-Governor Lewelling was Govrnor he made a speech in which he said: Of every ten women seeking employment only one finds it, and the other nine seek relief with her whose ways lay hold on

That's good; stand up and talk about it! low proud we ought to be of a State hat would indorse such a Governor as When Lewelling was Governor Mrs. Lease said: "Never in the history of the State has crime, lust and boodle stood forth so boldly as now under the present adminis-

Oh, they are stand-uppers from Uppers-ville. They can kick because the Republican papers deplore the return of that State-blasting gang to power. Oh, Populism! What a flood of slopes lassitude surges over us at the mention of

thy name!

Grant and the Phrenologist. Hamlin Garland, in McClure's Magazine. Of this famous incident there are two versions. The father's story runs thus: When Ulysses was about twelve years old the first phrenologist who ever made his appearance in that part of the country came to our neighborhood. * * One Dr. Buckner, * * * in order to test the accuracy of the phrenologist, asked him if he would be blindfolded and examine a head · · · The phrenologist replied that he would. So they blindfolded him, and then brought Ulysses forward to have his head examined. He felt it all over for some time, saying to himself, "It is no very common head! It is an extraordinary head!" At length Dr. Buckner broke in with the inquiry whether the boy would be likely to distinguish himself in mathematics. "Yes," said the phrenologist. "In mathematics or anything else. It would not be strange if we should see him President of the United States." The village version structure and intellectual endowments the of the incident is quite different. With all his shrewdness and energy, the neighbors say, there was a strain of singular guilelessness in Jesse Grant. He was credulous and simple-in the old meaning of the word simple. According to their report Dr. Buckner was only putting up a practical joke on his neighbor Grant. As the timid and blushing Ulysses was pushed forward to the platform the crowd began to titter, and the quick-witted lecturer seized

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